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MODINI PURASKAR ON ENVIRONMENT
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Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Ministry has introduced a `Modini Puraskar` in order to promote original writings in Hindi on the subject of Environment and related issues such as forests, wildlife, pollution and water resources;

(b) if so, the details of the authors from Maharashtra who have submitted their books for consideration for the award alongwith the names of authors who have been/are going to be awarded the said award;

(c) whether the said award is likely to be continued in future also; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA)

(a) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment & Forests had introduced a scheme for awarding to Hindi authors for their original work in Hindi on the subjects related to Environment, Forestry, Wild life and Ganga Project in 1987. This scheme is now named as `Medini Puraskar Yojana `.

(b) Entries for consideration of awards are invited from the Indian authors by giving advertisements through DAVP and web-site of the Ministry. Since the entries are not invited region-wise or state-wise etc., this Ministry does not keep any records about the books received from any particular state. However, an author, Shri Mukesh Gautam, whose book `Vrikshon Kay Hak Mein` has been adjudged for Consolation Prize for the award year 2005 has given his address as Mumbai, (Maharashtra).

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir. This scheme is likely to be continued in future also on year to basis.